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A LIQUID SAMPLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box PCT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 58-105.

Please add the following new claims 106-159 as indicated below.

106. (new) A method for the assessment of at least one parameter of a species of biological particles in a liquid analyte material, comprising

applying a volume of a liquid sample representing the analyte material and comprising a plurality of particles, or a plurality of particles isolated from a volume of liquid sample representing the analyte material, to a sample compartment from which sample compartment